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AND MOP THEREOF

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-4.

Please add newly presented claims 5-22 as follows

1. – 4.(Cancelled)

5.(New) A fabric comprising:

at least one stiff fiber region comprising an aggregate of stiff fibers, said stiff fibers being formed of a synthetic material; and

at least one super-absorbent fiber region comprising an aggregate of high-absorbable fibers, said high-absorbable fibers having a water retention rate greater than a water retention rate of said stiff fibers;

wherein said stiff fiber region and said super-absorbent region are alternately arranged.

6.(New) The fabric according to claim 5, wherein an area ratio of said stiff fiber region to said super-absorbent fiber region is 10 to 50:50 to 90.

7.(New) The fabric according to claim 5, comprising a plurality of said stiff fiber regions and a plurality of said super-absorbent fiber regions, wherein said stiff fiber regions and said super-absorbent fiber regions are alternately arranged.

8.(New) The fabric according to claim 5, wherein said stiff fibers are selected from the group consisting of polypropylene, polyethylene, polyester, and nylon.

9.(New) The fabric according to claim 5, wherein said high-absorbable fibers are selected from the group consisting of polyester microfibers and polyester-nylon composite microfibers having a diameter of not greater than 1.0 denier.

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10.(New) The fabric according to claim 5, wherein said stiff fibers and said high-absorbable fibers are knitted to define said stiff and super-absorbent fiber regions.

11.(New) The fabric according to claim 5, wherein said stiff fibers and said high-absorbable fibers are woven to define said stiff and super-absorbent fiber regions.

12.(New) A mop cloth using the fabric according to claim 5, comprising the fabric, cut to a predetermined area, and a sheet with a fastening means formed on one surface thereof laminated on the fabric.

13.(New) The mop cloth according to claim 12, wherein said fastening means formed on one surface of the sheet is a hook part or a loop part of a reclosable, hook and loop tape.

14.(New) The mop cloth according to claim 12, wherein a margin of said fabric is overlocked to a margin of said sheet.

15.(New) The mop cloth according to claim 12, further comprising:
an auxiliary cloth wrapped about and stitched to respective margins of said fabric and said sheet.

16.(New) A method of manufacturing a fabric comprising:
providing a plurality of stiff fibers of synthetic material;
providing a plurality of high-absorbable fibers having a water retention rate greater than a water retention rate of said stiff fibers;
processing said stiff fibers and said high-absorbable fibers to generate a fabric including at least one stiff fiber region comprising an aggregate of said stiff fibers and at least one super-absorbent fiber region comprising an aggregate of said high-

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absorbable fibers, wherein said stiff fiber region and said super-absorbent fiber region are alternately arranged.

17.(New) The method of claim 16, wherein said stiff fibers are selected from the group consisting of polypropylene, polyethylene, polyester, and nylon.

18.(New) The method of claim 16, wherein said high-absorbable fibers are selected from the group consisting of polyester microfibers and polyester-nylon composite microfibers having a diameter of not greater than 1.0 denier.

19.(New) The method of claim 16, wherein processing the fibers includes circular-knitting the fibers.

20.(New) The method of claim 16, wherein processing the fibers includes weaving the fibers.

21.(New) The method of claim 16, wherein processing the fibers includes tufting the fibers.

22.(New) The method of claim 16, wherein processing the fibers includes forming a plurality of said stiff fiber regions and a plurality of said super-absorbent fiber regions, wherein said stiff fiber regions and said super-absorbent fiber regions are alternately arranged.